

portion(s) extending from the first side to the projecting portion(s) extending from the second side, wherein the or each one-piece element is formed by casting and machining.

24. (New) An enclosure according to claim 23, wherein said machining of the or each one-piece element comprises machine-finishing of surfaces of the element which constitute sealing surfaces of the enclosure.

25. (New) An enclosure according to claim 23, wherein each one-piece element is a triskelion-form corner piece.

26. (New) An enclosure according to claim 23, wherein each one-piece element is in the form of a plate-like piece including projecting corner legs.

27. (New) An enclosure according to claim 23, wherein said fixing apparatus comprises a plurality of fixing pieces.

28. (New) An enclosure according to claim 27, wherein said fixing pieces have been selected from a range of fixing elements comprising the selected fixing pieces and other fixing elements of different lengths from the selected fixing pieces.

29. (New) An enclosure according to any one of claims 25 to 28, wherein the pieces have pairs of adjacent ends and wherein a plurality of dowels are closely received in recesses formed longitudinally of the ends of the respective pairs of adjacent ends and are fixed against longitudinal movement relative to the receiving ends.

30. (New) An enclosure according to claim 23, wherein said projecting portion has one or both of the following features:

(i) said projecting portion extends into at least 5% of the spacing between

said first and second sides, and

(ii) said projecting portion has a length at least equal to its own thickness.

31. (New) An enclosure according to claim 23, and containing conduction-cooled hardware in thermally conductive communication with said enclosure.

32. (New) A conduction-cooled hardware enclosure comprising first and second sides opposite to each other extending in respective substantially parallel planes, each side comprising portions of at least one one-piece element of thermally conductive material, said portions extending in the plane of the side, each element including a projecting portion extending towards the opposite side of said first and second sides, and fixing apparatus fixing the projecting portion(s) extending from the first side to the projecting portion(s) extending from the second side, wherein said projecting portion has one or both of the following features:

(i) said projecting portion extends into at least 5% of the spacing between said first and second sides, and

(ii) said projecting portion has a length at least equal to its own thickness.

33. (New) An enclosure according to claim 32, wherein each one-piece element is a triskelion-form corner piece.

34. (New) An enclosure according to claim 32, wherein each one-piece element is in the form of a plate-like piece including projecting corner legs.

35. (New) An enclosure according to claim 32, 33 or 34, wherein said fixing apparatus comprises a plurality of fixing pieces.

36. (New) An enclosure according to claim 35, wherein said fixing pieces have been selected from a range of fixing elements comprising the selected fixing pieces and other fixing elements of different lengths from the selected fixing pieces.

37. (New) An enclosure according to claim 33, wherein the pieces have pairs of adjacent ends and wherein a plurality of dowels are closely received in recesses formed longitudinally of the ends of the respective pairs of adjacent ends and are fixed against longitudinal movement relative to the receiving ends.

38. (New) An enclosure according to claim 32, and containing conduction-cooled hardware in thermally conductive communication with said enclosure.

39. (New) A conduction-cooled hardware enclosure comprising first and second sides opposite to each other extending in respective substantially parallel planes, each side comprising portions of at least one one-piece element of thermally conductive material, said portions extending in the plane of the side, each element including a projecting portion extending towards the opposite side of said first and second sides, and fixing apparatus fixing the projecting portion(s) extending from the first side to the projecting portion(s) extending from the second side, wherein said fixing apparatus comprises dowel apparatus closely received in recesses formed in the projecting portions.

40. (New) An enclosure according to claim 39, wherein said recesses are substantially co-axial with said projecting portions.

41. (New) A method of producing an enclosure for conduction-cooled hardware, comprising forming at least two one-piece elements by casting and